

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] ~~33~~ wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a sulfur radical selected from the group consisting of sulfoxide, alkylthio, and sulfone.

Claims 3-21 (Canceled)

Claim ~~22~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] ~~33~~ wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a divalent sulfur bridge.

Claim 23-31 (Canceled)

Claim ~~32~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim [[31]] ~~38~~ wherein the serine herpetoviridae protease is assemblin.

Claim ~~33~~ (Previously presented) A method of treating a herpetoviridael infection in a subject in need of such treatment, said method comprising treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfur-containing benzimidazole compound, wherein the compound is an inhibitor of a (H⁺/K⁺) ATPase and an inhibitor of a herpetoviridae protease.

Claim ~~34~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2 wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a sulfone radical.

Claim ~~35~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2 wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a sulfoxide radical.

Claim 36 (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

Claim 37 (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

Claim 38 (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 39 (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.